

Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
Status Report on Specific Projects In Progress as of 1-15-15

Topic	Status	Highlights
Riverview Psychiatric Center	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOC placed this review on OPEGA's Work Plan in late September 2014 and gave it priority status. OPEGA had already done considerable work in the preceding months to understand, delineate and triage myriad concerns by multiple complainants. Consequently, the GOC also approved the scope questions for this review at that time. • OPEGA has completed planning, and is now in process of conducting, the fieldwork for this review. We estimate this project will be completed in the second quarter of 2015.
Office of Information Technology: Formal Follow-Up Review	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its November 15, 2012 meeting. This is the first formal follow-up review OPEGA has conducted and the approach is different than that of a regular review. • This review was planned to continue through the end of 2014 as OIT implements improvement goals and action plans in the three areas targeted for follow up. • Since this review has spanned two years, OPEGA has been informally reporting to the GOC at six month intervals on both OPEGA's review status and the status of the OIT efforts we are monitoring. The most recent report was given at the GOC meeting on 9-24-14 and included a written status report from OIT on its action plans and a written self-assessment of the degree of improvements/progress made to date in the three areas that are the focus of this follow-up review. • OPEGA issued an RFP in December 2014 seeking a technical consultant to independently assess OIT's implementation and progress. A consultant has been selected and OPEGA is currently finalizing the contract. The consultant is expected to begin January 26, 2015 with final report to OPEGA by end of April 2015.

Special Project: Tax Expenditure Programs Phase II	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project was assigned to OPEGA in Resolves 2013 Chapter 115 (LD 1463) – legislation that GOC provided input to. • This is the next phase of work, following OPEGA’s 2013 Special Project on Tax Expenditure Programs Phase I, toward implementing an on-going process for legislative review of tax expenditures. • OPEGA has completed the preliminary classification of tax expenditures by Review Category and preliminary identification of goals/objectives and intended beneficiaries of expenditures classified as warranting a full evaluation. The preliminary work products were shared publicly during the 2014 legislative Interim to allow for input from GOC, Taxation Committee, other legislators and stakeholders. • OPEGA is currently in process of identifying relevant performance measures for the expenditures classified as warranting full evaluation. Some consultant resources are being utilized for this portion of the project. • OPEGA is also in process of drafting the remaining elements of the proposal. The full proposal resulting from this project is due to the Taxation Committee and GOC by March 1, 2015.
State Lottery	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its meeting on December 12, 2013. • OPEGA is conducting work on this project when staff are not working on other priority projects.
DHHS Workplace Culture and Environment	Suspended - Preliminary Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOC placed this project on OPEGA’s Work Plan at its meeting on April 26, 2013. • OPEGA completed preliminary research to assess potential extent and nature of systemic issues affecting workplace culture and environment and help determine the potential scope of more detailed work. • The GOC placed this review in suspended status in late September 2014 in order for OPEGA to prioritize work on the Riverview Psychiatric Center project. • OPEGA has had an opportunity since then to develop a Project Direction Recommendation on this review and expects to present it for the GOC’s consideration in February 2015.
DHHS Licensing and Regulation of Child Care Providers	Suspended - Preliminary Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOC placed this project on OPEGA’s Work Plan at its meeting on February 28, 2014 and OPEGA began work on it in April. • OPEGA completed preliminary research and, based on information gathered, recommended delaying further detailed review for one year as the agency already had major improvement efforts underway. Consequently, the GOC placed this review in suspended status in June 2014. • OPEGA expects to resume this review in mid-2015 with a focus on whether agency efforts have been successful in resolving known issues.

